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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ UNICEF has announced that it will be leading the procurement and supply of Corona Virus vaccines.
  - The mission is to be the world's largest and fastest ever operation of its kind.

## NATIONAL

### National Bamboo Mission logo

- ❖ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched 22 bamboo clusters in nine states and National Bamboo Mission logo.
- ❖ The bamboo clusters will be set up in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Assam, Nagaland, Tripura, Uttarakhand and Karnataka.
- ❖ The designer of the logo is Shri Sai Ram Goudi Edigi of Telengana.
- ❖ It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme that was started in year 2006-07.



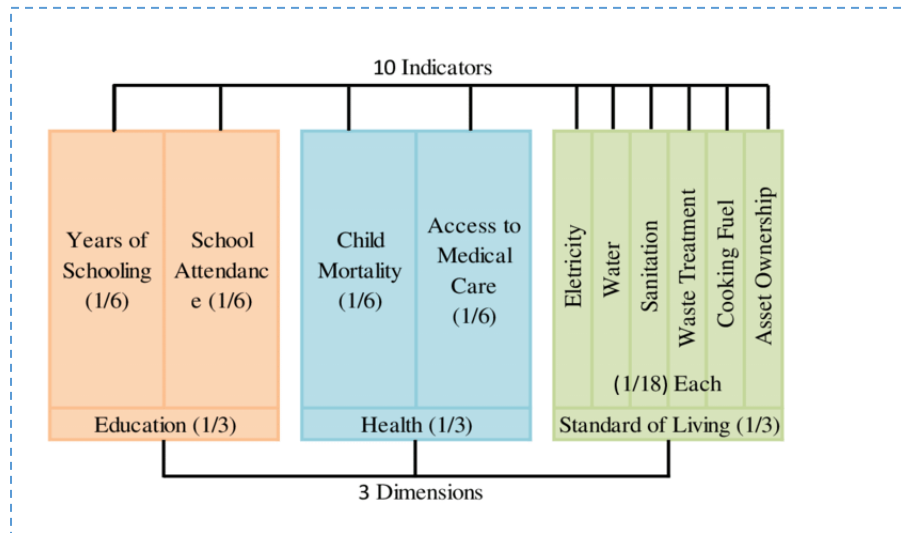
### Baghpat - National Importance Site

- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) declares site and remains at Baghpat to be of National Importance which was discovered in 2018.
- ❖ This site has evidence of the existence of a warrior class around 2,000 BCE.
- ❖ Three chariots, legged coffins, shields, swords and helmets were among the objects found at the site.

- ❖ ASI termed the site the “largest necropolis of the late Harappan period datable to around early part of second millennium BCE”.
- ❖ The ASI’s notification released under provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

### **Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC)**

- ❖ Niti Aayog constituted a Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC) chaired by Sanyukta Samaddar.
- ❖ NITI Aayog is the nodal agency and has the responsibility of leveraging the monitoring mechanism of the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) to drive reforms.
- ❖ Global MPI is part of Government of India’s decision to monitor the performance of the country in 29 select Global Indices.
- ❖ Global MPI is an international measure of multidimensional poverty covering 107 developing countries.
- ❖ According to Global MPI 2020, India is at 62nd among 107 countries.
- ❖ It was first developed in 2010 by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



### **Real Mango Software**

- ❖ In a nation-wide probe the Railway Protection Force (RPF) obstructed the use of Real Mango software.
- ❖ Real Mango software is an illegal notorious software developed for booking Tatkal ticket over the IRCTC website.



- ❖ This illegal and commonly banned software makes the complete process of Indian Rail ticket booking at a fly speed.

## **ECONOMY**

### **26 sectors identified for loan restructuring**

- ❖ The five-member committee under the leadership of the former chief of New Development Bank K V Kamath submitted its report to RBI.
- ❖ The panel was formed to make recommendations on financial parameters to be considered for one-time restructuring of loans that were affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

## **STATES**

### **YSR Sampoorna Poshana Scheme**

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh government launched YSR Sampoorna Poshana scheme and YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus scheme.
- ❖ The schemes aim to provide nutritious food to lactating mothers and pregnant women.
- ❖ It will mainly focus on malnutrition and anaemia in pregnant and lactating mothers.

### **First-ever cannabis medicine project**

- ❖ The first ever Cannabis Medicine project that is to be set up in Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Canada.
- ❖ It is to be the first foreign investment in the union territory.
- ❖ The project is to be set up at the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir is to be the first in the country to develop medicines from the cannabis plant.
- ❖ The 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, an international treaty classed cannabis as a hard drug.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

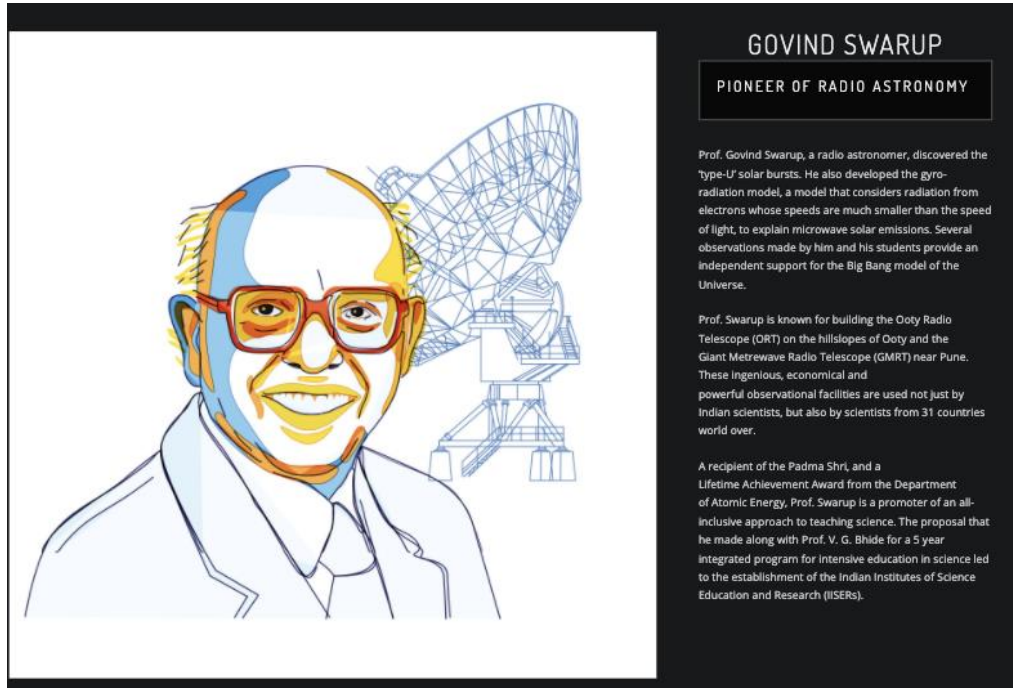
- ❖ Sir David Attenborough was conferred with the prestigious Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2019.
- ❖ He is an English broadcaster and a historian.
- ❖ He is popular for writing and presenting BBC Natural History unit.
- ❖ He worked to make aware to preserve and protect biodiversity of the planet.
- ❖ The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize award is for peace, disarmament and development.
- ❖ It is being conferred every year since 1986 by Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.



### Father of Indian Radio Astronomy passed away

- ❖ Govind Swarup, who is regarded as the 'Father of Indian Radio Astronomy', recently passed away.
- ❖ He was the founding director of Pune-based National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA) of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.
- ❖ He set up the Ooty Radio Telescope and the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) array in Pune.
- ❖ He was awarded:

- The Padma Shri in 1973 for his contributions.
- The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize in 1972,
- The Khwarizmi International Award in 1999, and
- The Grote Reber Medal in 2007.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### NSO Survey for 2017-2018

- ❖ The National Statistical Office released its report on “Household Social Consumption: Education in India as part of 75th round of National Sample Survey”.
- ❖ The survey provides state wise details of literacy between the period July 2017 and June 2018.

### Highlights

- ❖ Kerala has the highest literacy rate in the country.
- ❖ Around 96.2% of the people the state were literates.
- ❖ Delhi had the second-best literacy rate at 88.7% followed by Uttarakhand at 87.6%, Himachal Pradesh at 86.6% and Assam at 85.9%.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh was at the bottom with 66.4% and it was followed by Bihar at 70.9% and Telangana at 72.8%.



- ❖ The overall literacy rate in India is 77.7%.
- ❖ The literacy rate in rural areas is 73.5%
- ❖ The literacy rate in urban areas is 87.7%
- ❖ The male literacy rate is higher than that of female literacy rates in all states.
- ❖ Male literacy rate was 80.8% and female literacy rate was just 57.6% in Rajasthan.

